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Differently Abled under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of employment for differently abled persons under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the kind of work done/assigned to the them and wages paid under this scheme;

(c) the details of the types of disabilities and respective severities covered under this scheme; and

(d) the number of such people benefited under this scheme, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)to(c): The provisions for differently abled persons under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Operational Guidelines are given as under:-

Para 9.3.1: The disabled or differently-abled persons defined under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996) as persons with disabilities, the severity of which is 40% and above would be considered as special category of vulnerable persons for the purposes of MGNREGA. The disabled persons as defined in the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999) are also to be considered as disabled for the purpose of inclusion in MGNREGA.

Para 9.3.2: Since this category of people are differently-abled, special conditions have to be created to facilitate their inclusion in MGNREGA.

Para 9.3.3: Each State Government will identify specific works, which can be done by the disabled and vulnerable persons. In a village, different categories of persons with disabilities will be organized to come together as a fixed group to accomplish the works proposed for them under the Scheme, in a way that makes it possible for them to exercise their choice. On no grounds, should the disabled and vulnerable persons be paid lower wages as compared to other persons employed in MGNREGA works.

(d): The data in respect of the disabled persons provided employment under MGNREGA during the last three years and current year are given in the Annexure.

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